

WRTAC STATE REPORT

JULY 11, 2014



EMS AWARDS

- EMS Week was May 18-24th
- EMSTS held the 1st Annual EMS State Awards on May 21st. We wanted to honor and thank Montana's Emergency Care Responders for their dedication and service.
- Over 70% of our EMS services are staffed by volunteers!
- DPHHS Director Richard Oppen and Jim DeTienne presented the awards to:
 - EMS System Award: Flathead County EMS
 - EMS Service Award: Colstrip Ambulance Service
 - EMS Provider Award: Kevin Lauer, AEMT



Montana Trauma Facility Designation Criteria

- Proposed filing date is July 14, 2014 which would mean the rule would be final September 19, 2014. Watch for public notice on open comment period.
- New criteria will be effective for designations starting January 1, 2015. This allows approximately 3 months after final rule for facilities to prep for new criteria.

DESIGNATION CALENDAR

April: 3 completed visits

May: 3 completed visits

June: 3 completed visits

July: 3 completed visits

2 planned consultative visits

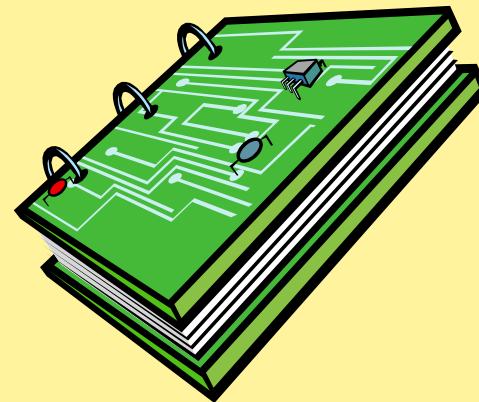
August-November: 11 requested visits



Kim Todd has retired from Montana designation. Currently training and orienting new reviewers.

FACILITY RESOURCE MANUAL

- Gathering data for a state-wide facility resource manual/guide
- Guide will be available to assist with transfers, locums knowledge of facilities and capabilities
- What is more useful: Hard copy manual or electronic web link?





GERIATRIC & TEAM



- Refresher/Train-the-Trainer course was held following STCC May 15th
- Update to course material
- Contact RTAC to request course at your facility
- *Proposed addition to updated criteria is desired participation in a TEAM course every 3 years or when significant change in staff warrants additional training for Community and Trauma Receiving Facilities.*

MONTANA TRAUMA SYSTEM CONFERENCE

- September 10th—Missoula
- Designed for hospital Trauma Medical Directors, Trauma Coordinators, and Trauma Registrars
- It is a “pre-cursor” to the Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium (RMRTS)
- Deb Syverson, RN, BSN, EMT
 - Trauma Program Manager at Sanford Health
- Web-based Collector Training
- Best Practices From Around the State
- And more.....!!!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RURAL TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM

- Sept. 11-12th Hilton Garden Inn– Missoula
- Online registration & agenda now available:
www.45pr.com/calendar/calendar.htm



2014 ATLS COURSE DATES

Feb 28-March 1: Great Falls---Completed

April 4 & 5: Billings---Completed

May 9 & 10: Missoula---Completed

****TENTATIVE: September 26--- Kalispell (refresher only)**

****Still need students to fill roster**

November 7 & 8: Billings---Course is Full

- Setting dates for next year

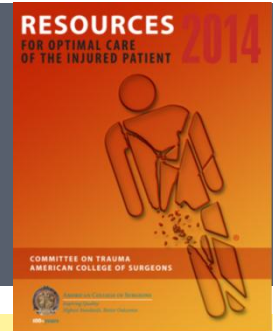
Remember: Mid-levels need ATLS if caring for trauma patients

- *Proposed addition to updated criteria is CALS (Comprehensive Advanced Life Support) provider certification (WITH completion of CALS Trauma Module) may substitute for ATLS re-certification for Community and Trauma Receiving Facilities.*

SUPPLY CHALLENGES IN RURAL FACILITIES

- In an effort to help smaller facilities (both affiliated & non-affiliated) obtain a reasonable amount of “low unit of measure” emergency equipment (ex: 1-2 central line kits rather than a case of 12-24) ERTAC is working through the Billings Clinic and Shane Hutzenbiler at Kreisers Inc. (medical Supply and equipment distributor) to get needed equipment without the hassle of purchasing a whole case.
- It needs to be equipment that is used by Billings Clinic (eg. PleuraGuide™ Disposable Chest Tube Kit). But their supply list is large and most likely have the product the facility already uses or something similar.
- Is this an option for WRTAC?

ACS PRE-PUBLICATION “ORANGE BOOK”



- ACS has released the pre-publication of 2014 edition of Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient (Orange Book).
- Some new proposed changes in this edition could greatly affect Level II and Level III ACS verified facilities in Montana.
- New requirements for Level II include 24 hr. in-house anesthesia, 24 hr. in-house OR and having board certified providers in Critical Care ICU. Plus there is an increase in CME.
- These proposed standards may not be affordable for rural Level II facilities.

INJURY PREVENTION COORDINATOR

- Bobbi Perkins is taking a new position as Bureau Chief at AMDD (Addictive & Mental Disorders Division)
- Last day in office is Monday, July 14th.
- Will begin search to fill position, as soon as possible



UPCOMING DATES

- **STCC: August 13 (Helena)**
- **MTS: September 10**
- **Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium: September 11 & 12**
- **WRTAC: October 10**